



Great Eccleston Annual Parish Meeting

Thursday May 19th 2011

7:30pm • The Village Centre

Minutes

The meeting was opened at 7:36 with 12 members of the public, The Chairman and the Parish Clerk.

1. The Chairman Cllr John Rowe welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Fowler, Ray Cottam, PC Danielle Feeney, and Cllr Susan Catterall (WBC)
3. The minutes of the 2010 Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.
4. Parish Council Chairman's Report was given by Cllr Jim Proctor. See Appendix I. Cllr John Rowe thanked the Members of the previous Council for their services and introduced the new Members.
5. Parish Council Financial Report was given by the Parish Clerk Hugh Glover. Payments and Receipts for the year ended 31 March 2011 were highlighted,
6. Borough Councillor's Report a report of Cllr Susan Catterall was read out by the chairman in her absence. See Appendix II
7. Wyre in Bloom Report was given by Cllr Jim Proctor See Appendix III
8. Village Centre Report outlining events and the running of the centre was given by the Manager Hugh Glover. See appendix IV
9. Police Report was given by Cllr Jim Proctor in the absence of PC D Feeney.

Playing Fields The Parish Council to consider the following:

- i) No amenities
- ii) Open debate re the future
- iii) Dog Controls
- iv) Fields to be leased from WBC
- v) Underused
- vi) Covenants need the permission of the Church
- vii) Buy lease / field or renegotiate the terms

Market Franchise currently being re-negotiated by the Parish Council

Questions from public

- 1) Hall Lane Development - it was agreed that a "demonstrated need requested by the Parish Council" before any development be approved and that a Public Meeting be held.
- 2) Hailite Gas storage facility, it was agreed Gt Eccleston Parish Council would support Presall unanimously

The Meeting was closed at 9:40pm



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Appendix 1

Great Eccleston Parrish Council previous Chairman's report

I undertook the task of Chairman in the last Parish year after no one wanted to take up the post I did this with no vice Chairman.

My first baptism of fire was that I took over the chair after the clerk had tendered her notice and we had to appoint a temporary clerk to until a permanent clerk was appointed Brian Leighton took on the task until Hugh Glover being appointed.

Market. The market franchise was up for tender and I ran the Market for 10 weeks until the new Franchisee took over.

The council upgraded the electrics so that the Health and safety aspects was up to date before handover

Great Eccleston Show. I would like to thank Cllr Butterworth for the great job she did in arranging the exhibitions in the heritage tent and for producing and selling prints of the village in aid of the Scouts in Great Eccleston; these were on sale at the Council's table at the Show.

The planned public meeting on parking extra copies of the Parking Report were available on the table.

Conservation Area A letter from Wyre Borough Council following their consultation with residents. The result was 3 in favour and 32 against. It was proposed that no further action be taken.

Fun Day Everything proceeded satisfactorily with the event held on 14th August. Organised by the White Bull landlord.

SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT THE WI HALL ON WEDNESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2010

Sean Lanson, RBL Construction, Dan Griffiths of Regenda Housing Association and Martin Wilson, Architect of the Hall Lane Development Project, and 48 members of the public.

Details of the scheme for affordable housing on land opposite St Mary's Church. The proposal was for 18 dwellings, 9 with 2 bedrooms, 4 with one bedroom and 5 with 3 bedrooms. All would be at Level 4 sustainability with very low carbon footprint. Access to the site would require the removal of 3 trees on Hall Lane, 2 of which were beneath the canopy of larger trees. Each property would have 2 car parking spaces with a further 2 in total for visitor parking.

Mr Griffiths described the needs analysis that had been undertaken by a specialist company appointed by Wyre Borough Council. He said that 40% of the properties would be for shared ownership and 60% for letting. Applicants with residential connection with Great Eccleston would have priority allocation. If all were not then taken then residents from neighbouring villages would be considered. It is a rural housing scheme under Government support and would not be open to allocation to applicants from urban areas.

Issues Raised

Car Parking
Destruction of trees -
Was there a Need -?
Disposal of water
Schools
Current and Future Allocations

New Clerk The Council Appointed a new Clerk. In October 2010

The Square Land Registration. The former temporary clerk Brian Leighton agreed to investigate this issue as a hobby with no cost to the Council



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A Christmas Market and carols service was held at the beginning of December and the Bishop of Lancaster switched on the lights.

Emergency Planning This was set up for severe weather, an emergency group of volunteers cleared the footpaths for access and applied salt I would like to thank the villagers who volunteered.

Parking Report and Consultation Strategy Group. Announced the completion of a questionnaire designed to survey the views of all householders in Great Eccleston.

Questionnaire

Total number of respondents: 116 the completed report has now been sent to the appropriate authorities.

I would like to congratulate all councillors elect.

Appendix II

Report Of Wyre Borough Councillor Susan Catterall For The year 2010 to 2011

Although I have been involved in many varied projects on behalf of the village I have chosen to highlight a cross section below:

Early in this year my attention was drawn to a perceived problem with the maintenance of stiles on footpaths around the village. After inspection of those mentioned and others they were all found to be safe and serviceable.

Having received a complaint from organisations in the village relating to the charge for refuse collection sacks I made detailed enquiries. I was able to find out that non residential refuse was to be collected in specially marked chargeable plastic sacks and that Wyre Borough Council now had to comply with this as it was Government policy. Sadly non of the local organisations concerned were classed as an exemption.

Contact from a resident brought my attention to the garden adjoining their property. This belonged to a housing association and had been unoccupied for several months that had resulted in the garden becoming extensively overgrown. I was able to eventually arrange for an officer from the association to attend the address and subsequently arrange for the necessary remedial work to be undertaken.

Having been visited by my local "eagle eyed" postman I was made aware of a hole approximately one foot in diameter that had appeared in one of the roads in the village. I was able to contact Lancashire County Council and their prompt attendance within a few hours meant that the hole and road surface were re-instated preventing injury, damage or further subsidence.

Complaints were made to me from several sources in relation to a property in St. Marys Road. There was concern that the resident had made alterations to his rear garden extending it so that it encroached into the playing fields to the rear. The Estates Department at Wyre Borough Council were informed in order to contact the person concerned and taked remdial action.

Also in relation to St. Marys Road several complaints were made relating to the condition of the grass verges. Lancashire County Council were unable to take any action as due to financial constraints the available funds were being prioritised for the maintainance of footpaths. They did however agree to re-seed the verges during the spring/summer period.

Finally after being contacted by the Wyre Borough Council Dog Warden I was able to assist with arranging for the use of the Women's Institute Hall for a session to micro chip dogs belonging to those interested in the village.

Sue Catterall



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Appendix III

N/West and Wyre in Bloom

- Last year Great Eccleston won silver in the large village category.
- The two schools participating in eco and young Wyre in bloom both winning prizes for their good work gold for Copp and silver for St Marys in their school eco class.
- Both schools won a certificate in North West /Wyre in Bloom.
- The residential bungalows won another award for their community involvement.
- I would like to thank all the business and residents for their sponsorship and the Special needs students from Myerscough College for their help in planting in the flower beds.
- This year the team have planted 110 tree saplings in the wild life area and on the grass verges at the Residential Bungalows Raikes Road.
- Later this year the team hope to get more trees from the woodland Trust.
- It was nice to see after a lot of hard work by the Wyre in Bloom volunteers the beds at both ends of the village looking lovely and all the litter picking.
- I would like to thank Jackie Garth for taking over the planting of the barrels at Copp lane she has planted and supplied the plants herself.

Appendix IV

Village Centre Manager's Report

- Charity no outside support and all activities fund the centres operation.
 - 1) Pilates
 - 2) Yoga
 - 3) Circuit training
 - 4) ACE
 - 5) Art Group
 - 6) Watercolour group
 - 7) Craft Club
 - 8) History Society
 - 9) Meditation
 - 10) History/Castles course
 - 11) Tea Dances
 - 12) Belly Dancing
 - 13) Book Club
 - 14) Drop in centre
 - 15) Room Hire Activity Room/ Lounge/ Meeting
 - 16) Humanists
 - 17) Crystal Healing
 - 18) Friendly Bridge Club
 - 19) IT Room
 - 20) Coffee mornings
 - 21) Wyre Walkers
- Introduction of children's activities
- Increase in sales for 3 months 2010/11 excluding Charitable Donation of 11.23%
- Shortage of Volunteers to cover the
- Grant for WIFI from InFocus £216. The remainder could be funded from the bursary grant.